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TOPIC SNB Border Guard Unit in PLES

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REMARKS

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1. The SNB unit in PLES (N 50/P 51), commanded by M Sgt Stanislav KODVM, was assigned to border guard duty.
2. Personnel: 17 NCOs and 10 EM from BELA nad RADBUZOU (N 50/P 52). They were quartered in the former PLES custom house.
3. The unit was under an SNB headquarters in PILSEN (N 50/L 04), commanded by Maj SUK.
4. The unit was armed with 2 new Czech "Z" rifles, 23 Soviet and 3 British submachine guns, a Czech light machine gun of type "26," two German machine guns with metallic-link ammunition belt, and 100 hand grenades.
5. The SNB unit was to be replaced by a new, specially trained unit on 4 August 1949. The latter unit was to stay in PLES permanently. SNB personnel previously had been exchanged every three months. Other SNB units were located at:

BELA nad RADBUZOU (one company)
 EISENDORF (N 50/P 52)
 KYBNIKI (N 50/P 51).

6. The deserter reported coming changes of the SNB. The border towards the Soviet Zone of Germany would be less closely guarded, and the personnel withdrawn from that border would be moved to the western border of Czechoslovakia, after taking a special training course. The SNB guard units on the western border would be directly under the Ministry of the Interior, while the units guarding the other borders would remain under the command of SNB district headquarters.

1 annex: Standard Manpower Questionnaire.

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